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RIGHT WING GROUP ATTACKS ARTIST, TORONTO GALLERY OWNER

By SOL I. LITTMAN
TORONTO -

A right wing group unleashed an attack this week against a Jewish art gallery owner and a young Montreal artist and called for "the rejuvenation of our Western Christian culture."

The Western Guardian which describes itself as the former Edmund Burke Society, passed out mimeographed flyers condemning the exhibit of the work of Mark Prent at the Isaacs Gallery and called for direct action in the event that police do not close the show.

Ben Kayfetz, national director of the Joint Community Relations Committee stated that the leaflet was "all too reminiscent of the Nazi attacks against so called "decadent" art in the 1930's, directed at such famous artists as Jacob Epstein and others."

The exhibition has led to a criminal charge of "the display of disgusting objects" against Toronto gallery owner Avram Isaacs.

The art show, which has been attracting record crowds "is concerned with man's inhumanity to man; with slaughter, death and cannibalism." It consists largely of fibreglass models of human corpses and human parts.

The Yonge Street gallery was visited by police shortly after the Prent show opened on February 19. They ordered Isaacs to close the show, but Isaacs refused. Police photographers took pictures of the exhibit and shared them with the Crown Attorney. However, no charge was laid until a citizen's complaint was filed on March 3.

Isaacs has been summoned to appear on March 23 at 2 p.m. in court room 33, Old City Hall.

Mimeographed leaflets calling for a "clean up of culture perversion and the closing of Isac's (sic) Gallery" were distributed by an organization which signed itself "The Western Guardian, formerly the Edmund Burke Society."

The leaflet, refers to the works displayed at the Isaacs Gallery as "an insult to the Christian root values of Canada and our Western way of life." It urged citizens to complain to the police morality squad.

It also called for direct action against the gallery in the event that the courts do not close the show.

"If the law is not enforced and the public good is not protected, the law and our institutions will fall into disrepute," the leaflet stated. "Then, the only alternative for those in the majority, who are dedicated to Christian morality and healthy culture is to take action against the perverters."

Prent, 24, graduated from Sir George Williams University in 1970. He describes his work as an assault on the human nervous system intended to penetrate "the protective numbness" man has adopted to avoid the impact of the horrors of war and natural disaster seen daily on our television screen.

"Prent's work is electrifying and unquestionably shocking but its purpose is serious and its intent humane, Isaacs said. "A young artist may employ shock without realizing that it is self-limiting. However, an artist so skilled will surely continue to produce powerful works and, with maturity, increasing subtlety. For the present Prent must be considered a contemporary Hieronymous Bosch who is obsessed with the evils of mankind."

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Members of the Israeli Defence Force search for signs of the terrorist activity in the area of the border with Lebanon. Two members of a Moshav in the Western Galilee were killed while travelling near the border. About 50 terrorists are believed to have been killed during Israeli raids.
Israel Sun Photo

Leon Kronitz chosen director of Zionists

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

Dr. Leon Kronitz, principal of the Solomon Schechter Academy, chairman of the Congress' national executive committee, and former president of the Labour Zionist Organization, has been unanimously elected national executive vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

The announcement follows a meeting held last Sunday of the national executive committee - the senior representative body - at Zionist headquarters in Montreal.

Dr. Kronitz succeeds Abe Tooch who retires as executive-director in July after 2-1/2 years in that position. The professional status of the post does not involve a term of office, and the newly elected vice-president will assume his post in September.

The well-known educator holds offices in other major Canadian Jewish institutions, including the Allied Jewish Community Services, Congress and the Zionist organizations. "In any organization," Dr. Kronitz told **The Canadian Jewish News**, "where there is a conflict of interest, I will resign. In other offices I will resign only if I feel it will be unfair to the organization due to my time limitations.

One highly placed Zionist official said Dr. Kronitz is one of the few leaders able to deal with the complex issues of the Zionist world, and described him as a "politician's politician".

Dr. Kronitz said no decision has yet been reached concerning his position in the Congress' national executive committee, but he said he "will relinquish some responsibilities".

PM to meet Congress

MONTREAL -

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau will meet the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress in Toronto March 24, it was announced this week.

Myer Sharzer, executive director of the Central Region of the Congress, told the CJN about 100 Congress officials will be at a noon luncheon for Trudeau.

He said the prime minister will make a statement on government policy and "we anticipate among the things he'll talk about will be those matters of more direct concern to the Jewish community."

Consumer's Bureau

Expect kashrut rules probe

By HOWARD ENGLISH
CJN Queen's Park Correspondent

TORONTO -

Ontario's Consumer Protection Bureau promised last week to conduct a complete investigation into any allegations from members of the Jewish community that a business which claims to be kosher, is not observing kashrut regulations.

Although no such allegations have yet been received, Charles Jamieson, the bureau's deputy registrar, guaranteed during an interview that any complaint submitted in writing will be given "very careful study."

Under Ontario's Consumer Protection Act, the bureau may issue a 'cease and desist' order, requiring the removal of a 'kosher' sign, should an investigation reveal that a store owner's advertising is deliberately false, misleading, or deceptive.

No provincial legislation dealing specifically with the question of kashrut presently exists.

In the past, the bureau has faced enormous difficulties trying to prove that a businessman deliberately intended to deceive the public.

In addition, allegations of non-compliance with kashrut laws are impossible to validate without a "defined interpretation" of the word 'kosher', said Jamieson.

The bureau will consult legal and rabbinic authorities when a complaint arises before asking a businessman to defend himself.

The Canadian Jewish Congress is also offering assistance to those who uncover concrete evidence of deceptive advertising.

The legal committee of Congress will hear any authentic complaint.

"If it was a good case, and pointed out a community evil, we would certainly consider backing it," said Ben Kayfetz, Congress director of community relations for the Toronto region.

Congress has never begun a case on its own initiative because it feels that Congress-supervised stores are available for those who are truly concerned about kashrut.

About 50% of Toronto's Jewish butchers are operating without religious supervision of any kind.

Israel achieves objectives in terrorist raids

JERUSALEM (JTA) -

Israel announced last week the completion of its military operations against Arab terrorists in southern Lebanon and said that all of its objectives had been achieved in the four days of ground battles and air strikes.

According to Israeli sources, at least 50 terrorists were killed and about 100 wounded. Israeli casualties amounted to 11 men wounded, most of them subsequently released from the hospital.

A communique broadcast on Kol Israel radio said the operation had been successful in its intended purpose of pushing the terrorists farther back from the Israeli border and destroying their bases and munitions dumps. A large quantity of arms and ammunition was seized, as well as propaganda material which included an Arabic translation of the sayings of Mao Tse-tung, Kol Israel reported.

According to the Israelis, Lebanon itself was a beneficiary of the incursion inasmuch as it cleared the so-called "Fatahland" of Arab terrorists, opening the way for Lebanese forces to reassert their control of the region, which had long been in terrorist hands. As Israeli units pulled out of "Fatahland," Lebanese Army units were seen crossing the Hasbani River to enter the southeastern section of their country in force for the first time in nearly four years.

Authoritative sources here made it clear that the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon was according to plan and had nothing to do with the Security Council resolution, adopted unanimously in the early hours of Feb. 28, demanding that Israel cease all military operations in Lebanon and pull out its forces.

Israel denounced the resolution as "one-sided and cynical" because it failed to refer to the terrorist acts from Lebanese soil that prompted the incursion.

The sources attributed Western, particularly U.S., concurrence in the resolution to Lebanon's pro-Western image and the desire to prevent it from falling under Soviet influence. The Soviet Union abstained.

One of the major accomplishments of the Israeli attacks was the construction of three roads leading from the Israeli border into the heart of "Fatahland." They were built by the army engineers corps, shielded by tank, artillery and air force fire. The roads will make it possible for Israel to police the area and strike directly at the terrorists should they return.

Israeli soldiers returning from the operation reported they had received a friendly reception from Lebanese villagers who seemed glad to be rid of the terrorists.

About 2,000 terrorists reportedly fled "Fatahland" during the four days of fighting but many are believed to have "vanished" by mingling with the local population.

Lebanese newspapers, meanwhile, called for a revision of the agreement signed in Cairo a year ago under which the Lebanese government permits the terrorists to use their territory as a base for incursions against Israel as long as the terrorists refrain from shooting at Israeli targets from Lebanese soil.

Barlev embarks on political career

By GEOFFREY D. PAUL
Jewish Chronicle News Service

TEL AVIV -

Haim Barlev, who was Israel's chief of staff for four eventful years until Dec. 31, is embarking on a political career which may lead to office as his country's prime minister.

He is about to enter the Israeli cabinet as minister of commerce and industry after nomination by the Labour Party and more particularly by the former Mapai faction.

But most auspiciously of all, he is the choice of Pinhas Sapir, the fountainhead from which power and influence inside the Labour Party continue to flow.

Sapir is yielding up one of the two portfolios he holds (the other is finance) to Barlev while at the same time exercising his political ingenuity to keep Itzhak Rabin, Israel's ambassador in Washington and identified with the former Achdut Avoda camp, out of the cabinet, at least until the next general election in 1973.

The 18-month start which Barlev has been given will be an important and testing time for him. He possesses a rock-solid reputation as a military commander during the long, testing months of Nasser's Suez "war of attrition" and the hold-fast period since the ceasefire in August 1970.

He is liked and respected by most of his future cabinet colleagues who were impressed by his calm and wide grasp of not only defence issues but also related foreign policy considerations.

He now has the opportunity, with the somnolent ministry of commerce and industry, to project his abilities in another direction - under the watchful eye of the public and Sapir.

It is hardly likely that 47-year-old Barlev will be in a position to lead the Labour Party at the 1973 autumn election. This, it is widely assumed, will be done either by Golda Meir, the prime minister, 73, herself or by Sapir, 63.

But both these veterans are displaying an increasing reluctance to carry the burdens of office for very much longer and the belief is that, once a capable successor - one recognized by both party and public as such - is ready and able to take over, he will be enthroned with their blessing.

This does not mean that either Moshe Dayan, the defence minister, 56, or Yigal Allon, the deputy prime minister and education minister, 53, will surrender without a fight, or that other would-be contenders have abandoned their hopes.

But the knowledge that Sapir is ready (and some say Mrs. Meir, too) to support the candidacy of Barlev, must have a dampening effect on other aspirants.

Dayan recently speculated pessimistically on his likelihood of ever becoming prime minister. He was right not to heed the campaign directed against the conduct of his private life or the alleged benefits he has enjoyed from his archaeological activities.

Neither of these factors have yet registered negatively with the public to the extent where they would damage his candidacy for the leadership. The main count against him - which he acknowledges - is that he has never been a party man.

He has shown little interest in the party machine, even less in the human cogs which make it run. They, and party stalwarts who have contributed much of their life to constructing this political giant, feel that a man with Dayan's small political conviction, once a leader of the anti-party Rafi faction, could dismantle from the inside what they labored so hard to build.

Dayan himself has observed wryly that it took 100,000 Egyptian troops to get him into the cabinet in 1967.

Allon, despite some almost desperate campaigning by his cohorts has never regained the following he once enjoyed. The anti-Dayan zealotry of those around him and his own unimpressive performance as a departmental minister have dimmed his image.

And, with so charismatic a leader as Golda Meir, his post of deputy premier has proved little more than a sinecure and not

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Haim Barlev (right), former Israel chief of staff, looks over into Jordan with Gen. Rehavam Ze'evi, (left) chief of central command and a junior officer.

Organizations and People

Promising reports on UJA drive

TORONTO -

Jewish communities throughout southern Ontario are "working enthusiastically to attain their goals" in the annual United Israel Appeal, says Yehudah Noy, executive director of UIA.

According to early reports, the campaign has been highly successful. Noy places credit for this on the personal appearances of Dr. Julia Libman, the Jewish dentist who recently emigrated from the Soviet Union. She has been speaking on behalf of the United Israel Appeal throughout Ontario.

Hamilton, with a Jewish population of approximately 1,100 families, reports a 40% increase over last year's giving, according to campaign chairman Paul Hanover. There have been many organizational meetings and all divisions are in full swing. A Kabalot Shabbat was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Goldblatt at which a telephone call was placed to the Soviet Union. The women's division has also forged ahead under the co-chairmanship of Bailie Waxman and Rookie Goldstein, the highlight of which was the visit to the community of Dr. Julia Libman.

The Windsor Jewish community of some 800 families, is organizing its campaign this year with a dynamic new approach which it hopes will result in more funds being sent to Israel to alleviate the plight of Soviet Jewry. Messrs. William Tepperman, Morris Baker, Rabbi Jonathan Plaut, together with campaign chairman Charles Zalev, have been reviewing all pledges made to the campaign. Harry Zekelman, who while in Israel recently pledged a million dollars in bond purchases on behalf of the Windsor community, has stimulated the campaign to new heights and is an active member of the UJA Cabinet. The women's division has also been sparked with a new approach to fund raising.

Sarnia, under the chairmanship of Melvin Cohen, reports an increase of 35% over last year's giving in response to Dr. Julia Libman, who addressed the Sarnia community.

The Brantford Jewish community has elected a new chairman for the coming year, according to an announcement made at this year's annual campaign evening. The new chairman, Leon Rothberg, pledged his commitment to continue with all efforts to surpass any goal ever achieved in Brantford. Under the chairmanship of Murray Rothberg, that community has achieved a 35% increase in giving over the 1971 campaign.

London, Ontario, reports that arrangements are well under way for this year's campaign. Following a family trait, Samuel Lerner, who is presently participating in a UJA study mission to Israel, has undertaken the chairmanship of the Campaign. His brother, Justice Mayer Lerner, who was recently appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario, and son-in-law Earl Cherniak, have both headed the London Campaign in the past and will continue together with the young leadership and cabinet in London to set a goal far in excess of the historic 1967 Emergency Campaign. The women's division is also organizing under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sam Rabin and will assume its responsibilities side by side with the men.

St. Catharines is also in the midst of organizing their campaign which will start with a top gifts parlor meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Newman, according to an announcement by campaign chairman Howard Kamin.

The Nirkoka Israeli dancers perform at the Israeli Dance Festival for Children at the 'Y' last weekend. The program was sponsored by the 'Y' with the co-operation of the Bureau of Jewish Education. Nirkoka director is Teme Kernerman. CJN photo by Gadi Hoz

Montreal groups awarded federal iniatives grants

From the CJN Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL -

Over $180,000 has been awarded to five Montreal Jewish organizations as part of Ottawa's winter works program. The Canadian Jewish Theatre Foundation Inc. garnered the largest amount, $100,000, from the Federal coffers.

The Federal Department of Manpower and Immigration developed the Local Initiatives Program as a means of combating high seasonal unemployment in Canada.

The Jewish Theatre, under the artistic direction of Chaim Avron, will hold its first Toronto production in May at the St. Lawrence Centre.

"We are very pleased to have received the grant," declared Avron, "for it will allow us to have two Yiddish productions until June, at least. We expect to hire over 40 local actors for each production and a well known Israeli tenor will be brought in from Israel to perform the leading role."

A $22,000 grant was awarded to the Golden Age Association, to employ 13 people until the end of May. The finances will enable the centre to extend its services into Chomedey suburb, develop a part time employment service, and embark on a foster home finding project for senior citizens.

"We have services in one part of Chomedey," said Florence Kirshner, executive director of the association, "but not in another area because of the transportation problem of bringing the elderly to the synagogue. We hope to keep the program alive at the new "Y" in Chomedey after the grant expires."

Some $13,000 was allocated to the Jewish Vocational Service of Montreal to hire five unemployed workers in a bid to urge companies to employ jobless applicants. The five persons will also encourage businesses to use the JVS sheltered workshop facilities. They will be employed by the JVS until the end of May.

The Contemporary Dance Theatre of the Saidye Bronfman Centre received a $21,000 grant to hold free programs at schools around Montreal. The grant is the first of its kind to "contribute to community cultural development."

The troupe is under the direction of Hugo Romero, and the dancers are former students of the Saidye Bronfman Modern Ballet Workshop.

The Jewish Community Camps was granted $7,605 to pay the costs of repairing facilities and equipment of the two summer camps under its authority.

The Baron de Hirsch Institute received $10,000 - supplementing the previously awarded $20,000 - to subsidize needy children at camp this summer.

A grant of $16,705 was extended by the Department of Manpower and Immigration to the community planning department of Allied Jewish Community Services to study Jewish poor people.

The probe will identify and locate individuals and families whose income is below the poverty level defined by the recent Senate report. The aim of the project is to provide services which will keep families together, and become economically independent.

Attacks law policy

By CJN Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL -

Israel's religious law policy was attacked last Sunday at a rally called by the Mizrachi Organization and the Rabbinical Council of America at the Adath Jeshrun Synagogue.

More than 100 people heard speakers Dr. Bernard Pouko of Pittsburgh, national president of Mizrachi and Rabbi Bernard Berzon call on Israel to tighten her religious conversion laws in accordance with the Talmud.

"We have survived spiritually and physically throughout the generations," declared Rabbi Pouko, "and this is a result of our halachic observance. This vital matter cannot be voted on in the Knesset."

Rabbi Berzon said even secularists realize there can be no compromise in spiritual matters. According to the rabbi, three Israeli cabinet ministers are prepared to resign over the issue.

The law of the return has been a subject of growing controversy in Israel.

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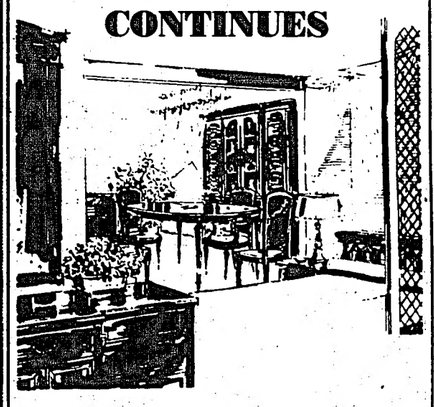

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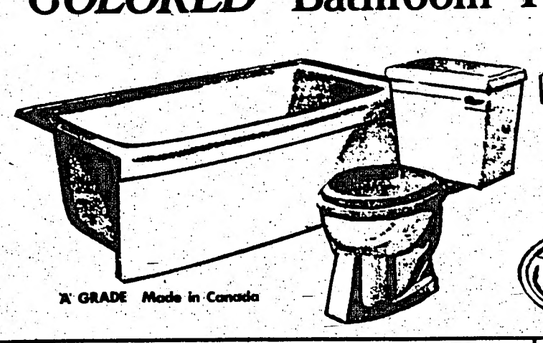

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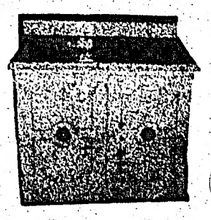

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Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

EVENING OF STARS

A sisterhood evening with a difference will take place Tues., March 14 at Temple Sinai, 8:30 p.m., when Elizabeth Palmer gives a speech entitled **Follow Your Stars.** An author, Mrs. Palmer has taught astrology at Centennial College.

MUSEUM TREASURE HUNT

A large treasure hunt is being launched by the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada in preparation for the first Jewish museum exhibit in Manitoba. The exhibit is being planned for a September opening at the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature in Winnipeg. Harry Gutkin, chairman of the museum project committee, says it intends "to show in picture, in voice, through the display of artifacts and memorabilia, through paintings and sculpture, through slides, tapes and tableaux the story of the Jews in Western Canada from the earliest immigration to the present day. We will also relate our story to world Jewish history."

SPEECH ON CHINA

CJN columnist J. B. Salsberg will discuss **New China and the Middle East** March 14 at 1 p.m. in the *Philip Smith Congregational Hall*, Holy Blossom Temple.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A children's play with lots of audience participation is promised for Sunday, March 19, at Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Ave., Willowdale. There will be three performances at 1 p.m., 2:30 and 4:00 of **How Jan Klassen Cured The King** by the Toronto Theatre Go Round. Presenting the play will be the Haifa Chapter of Toronto Women's ORT.

PARENTS, STUDENTS TALK-IN

A talk in on the problems of being a teenager and a parent today will be presented by the Parents Association of the Associated Hebrew Day Schools on Tues., March 14, at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium at 3630 Bathurst St. A panel of parents, teachers and Mrs. Sheila Walker, social worker with Jewish Family and Child Service, will discuss the problems.

JLC BANQUET

Federal NDP member of Parliament **David Orlikow** will be guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Jewish Labor Committee Saturday, March 18 at the Borochov Centre at 8 p.m. Michael Rubinstein of Montreal, retiring national president of the JLC, will be honored at the banquet.

Justice Abraham Lieff

BROTHERHOODS GET TOGETHER

Beth Sholom Brotherhood will be host to the spring convention of the Great Lakes Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Delegates will represent 27 men's clubs from Ohio, Michigan, New York and southern Ontario. An Oneg Shabbat in observance of Brotherhood Week will honor the nursing profession of Metro Toronto with Rev. Dr. Richard Jones, president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, as guest speaker. Keynote speaker on Sunday evening will be Abraham Lieff, justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

STUDENTS OPEN FORUM

Steve Ain, director of youth services Canadian Jewish Congress, and Mrs. Vivian Pullen, counsellor with the Jewish Vocational Centre, will be part of an open forum on **The Jewish University Student: His Problems,** at Hillel House Thurs., March 16, at 8 p.m.

ESSAY CONTEST

Yavneh, the national religious Jewish students association, is sponsoring its annual essay contest. The subject matter of the essay may deal with any aspect of Jewish interest. Essays should be submitted by April 15 to Yavneh Office, 84 Fifth Avenue, New York. First prize is $300.

. . . about people

Albert J. Latner of Toronto (second from right) was honored recently at the 1972 International Inaugural Israel Bond Conference in Miami for his leadership in the 1971 Toronto campaign. The award presented to Mr. Latner cited him "for extraordinary service on behalf of Israel". Others in photo from left are Gen. Chaim Barlev, former Israeli chief of staff; Ira Guilden, president of the Israel Bond Organization; and Sam Rothberg, general-chairman of the Bond Organization.

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Nine-year-old **Alan Zekelman** of Windsor has just contributed $1,000 to the United Jewish Appeal. He follows his father's footsteps. Harry Zekelman recently pledged the Windsor Jewish Community to the purchase of $1 million worth of Israel Bonds. Alan, who attends the Hebrew Academy of Windsor, is giving up his allowance to make the donation. "He's very much for Israel," say his proud parents.

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The family of the late **Judge Theodore Levin** of Detroit has donated a chair in the faculty of law at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan. Judge Levin was known as one of the great jurists in America. The former Sarah Levin, the wife of Senator David Croll of Toronto, is a sister.

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Nat Caplan of Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob Synagogue has been elected president of the Association of Synagogue Administrators of Greater Montreal.

Celebrated lawyer **Melvin M. Belli** is the opening lecturer in Beth Tzedec's 12th annual Institute of Ethics on **Social Change: Law Reform, Rebellion or Revolution.** He will speak Wednesday, March 15 at 8:30 p.m. on **The Law Revolution.**

Naomi Levine

The first woman to head the staff of a major North American Jewish organization of both men and women is attorney **Naomi Levine** of New York City. She has been appointed executive director of the American Jewish Congress, effective Oct. 1. Currently director of the Congress' commission on urban affairs, Mrs. Levine, 47, will succeed Will Maslow who is retiring.

Brothers reunited after 27 years apart

TORONTO -

The air was emotionally charged at Toronto's International Airport as brothers, nephews, nieces and long-time friends eagerly awaited the arrival from Moscow of Nehemia Goldfield.

Separation of the brothers, which goes back to Shanghai in the mid-forties, ended happily for three of them. David, who operates a laundry service in Norwalk, Conn., and Chaim, a sales manager for an automobile agency in Toronto, were on hand for this long-awaited reunion. Two other brothers and their mother are still in Russia.

In 1967, Chaim Goldfield approached the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service in Toronto for assistance in getting Nehemia to Canada.

"We filed all the necessary papers and affadavits and forwarded them to the department of immigration for processing," said Miss Tobie Taback, assistant executive director of JIAS, "but received no response whatever from the Soviet government."

Further action was taken in 1969, with the procedure repeated. Still no answer from the Russian government.

"The situation began to appear quite hopeless until the visit to Canada of Kosygin in October, 1971," Miss Taback said. "At that time we petitioned Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp to intercede personally. Shortly after Kosygin's return to Russia, the exit visa was approved."

Nehemia, who is a musician and actor, kept repeating in flawless English: "I can't believe I'm really here!"

Between all the hugging and kissing, Chaim explained to his brother how grateful they all are to JIAS for bringing this moment to fruition. JIAS is supported by funds raised through the United Jewish Appeal.

When asked what Nehemia will do in Canada, Chaim said: "I don't care. I'm happy just looking at him after 27 years!"

Israeli army chief cantor makes tour

TORONTO -

Globe - trotting Moshe Kraus, the first chief cantor of the Israeli Army, will give a traditional concert here on March 19 at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

Kraus, who trained in the Vienna Conservatorium, has served in Antwerp, Johannesburg, and Mexico City. A Czech by birth, Cantor Kraus first sang in Budapest at the age of 17, where, he says, "I created quite a sensation." Shortly after the Second World War, he sang at the famous Malbim Synagogue in Bucharest.

He now makes his home in Tel Aviv, and although he has been discharged from the army, he gets called up for reserve cantorial duty every year.

In 1964, in a period when the Iron Curtain countries were anxious to show how liberal their regimes were, Kraus went on tour to several of the Eastern Bloc countries including the Soviet Union.

"There were more than 200 foreign correspondents following my tour," he said, "and even though I sang some songs that the censors had stamped 'Nyet', the authorities didn't dare arrest me because of the correspondents following me all the time."

The concert at the Shaarei Tefillah, which will consist of Yiddish, Hebrew and Chasidic songs, is being sponsored by the local Bergen-Belsen Society.

Culture group gives 17 grants

TORONTO -

The Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture has announced scholarships, grants-in-aid and graduate fellowships to 17 Canadian scholars for 1972. These grants range from $400-$2,000, and have been made possible by private contributions to the foundation and a community grant from the Calgary Jewish Community Council.

Rabbi Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg, president of the foundation, states that "The number of applications exceeded our expectations, they bear witness to the increasing interest of scholars in research and study in Judaica, history, literature, talmudic studies, anthropology."

The recommendations of the Academic Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Louis D. Levine, West Asian Department, Royal Ontario Museum, which were accepted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on Feb. 17, will provide scholarships, grands-in-aid and graduate fellowships to the following Canadian scholars:

Michael Aspler, McGill University; Bernard Cooperman, Harvard University; Leslie Freedman, Columbia University; Deborah Goldberg, McGill University; Carol Holzberg, University of Iowa; Paul T. Kirsch, University of Toronto; Benny Kraut, Brandeis University; Jack Kugelmass, New School for Social Research; Mindy Liberman, McGill University; Aaron Lewin, Harvard University; Michael Morgan, University of Toronto; Harriet Pass, Columbia University; Agnes Romer, McGill University; J. Immanuel Schochet, Toronto; Lorne Segal, McGill University; Michael Signer, University of Toronto and Jeffrey Stutz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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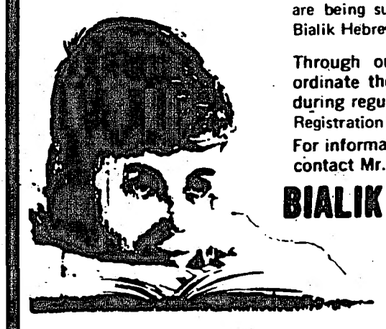

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Minority feelings, majority rights, censorship, form complex issues

Did a vocal minority of Montreal's Jewish community over-react to The Man in the Glass Booth?

This question is being asked in Canada's largest city in the wake of the bitter controversy which resulted in the controversial play not seeing the light of day. Directors of the YM–YWHA cancelled the production in the face of an emotional backlash of deep intensity.

Playwright Robert Shaw, who denied with considerable heat that his play was anti-Semitic or that it equated Jews with Nazis, claimed to be "the most pro-Jewish writer alive."

But his denials failed to convince a large segment of Montreal Jewry. One in 10 Montreal Jews are said to be survivors of Nazi concentration camps and to them the Shaw play symbolized and distorted the horrors of their long ago ordeal. What particularly aroused survivor groups to mount a formidable attack on the play was where the leading character says that had Hitler chosen the Jews to lead in his goose step march, they would have acted no differently.

The decision to cancel the play at the Saidye Bronfman Theatre probably was a wise one under the circumstances, but it raises some points which need to be examined. Granted that the feelings of Jews who experienced the horrors of Nazi persecution were outraged by the play's theme, still the Jewish communities of London and New York did not block its production, though there was considerable diversity of views over its merits. And in Israel itself the Shaw production played to packed houses, despite heavy criticisim from some quarters of the population.

It can't be said with logic that Montreal's Jewish community - that segment of it, at least, that vociferously objected to the play - was more sensitive to the play's implications than the Jews of London, New York and Tel Aviv. Survivors of Hitlerism live in those cities, too.

Did the YM–YWHA directors yield too easily to pressure and in so doing sacrificed the principle of artistic freedom? It is not difficult for outsiders whose emotions are not involved to give an affirmative answer to this question. But in our view the directors can't be faulted for their decision. They stuck to their guns in the face of intensive criticism, but when the wave of protest threatened to split the community, they reluctantly reversed their stand. They were prepared to defend artistic freedom, and in fact said so in very clear terms, but not at the unbearable cost of lacerating the emotions of Holocaust survivors and creating shock waves of disunity.

Social scientists will have an absorbing assignment should they delve into the origins of the controversy and why The Man in the Glass Booth failed to reach the Montreal stage. Was the killing of The Man in the Glass Booth an irrational, simplistic approach engineered by people whose dormant memories of a horror-filled past had been reawakened by the play's theme? Were they guilty of blind censorship which took no account of artistic merit or the right of free expression?

A bereaved mother weeps over the symbolic grave of her son, who was killed on the day Israel was established. She was at a memorial service to the dead of the Israeli defence forces at the military cemetery on Mount Hertzl in Jerusalem. Israel Sun Photo

Rash of run away youths confront family workers

By JUDY PLATT

TORONTO -

Not every tenant of a shopping plaza is a shop. At Lawrence Plaza there's an agency for dealing "with people's guts and with families that fall apart." The less than one year old agency is a "closer to the people" branch of the Jewish Family and Child Service. And - for better or for worse - business is booming there.

The "womb to tomb" functions of this United Jewish Welfare Fund supported agency includes everything from adoption (although that's declining) to services for the aged, but the bulk of its work is family counseling.

"The family is in a period of transition," explains Gordon Wolfe, the 1961 graduate of the University of Toronto School of Social Work who is in charge of the branch. "We're moving from an authoritarian kind of family to a democratic decision-making system. In all aspects of society, minorities like youth and women in Women's Lib are demanding their rights. So it's natural that there's more conflict in the home, more arguing about things. The conflict is the price we pay for democracy. But in the long run I think it will enable us to lead more responsible, fuller kinds of lives."

Gordon Wolfe

In the meantime, however, the price is painful. Wolfe, who also wears the hat of supervisor of youth services for the JFCS, finds he has suddenly been confronted with a rash of run away youth and child protection cases ("three in the last couple of days"). "We're finding more and more kids who can't - or won't - live at home," says Wolfe. "If they're under 16, they come under the Child Welfare Act and we have to take legal responsibility. In some cases we take them into care in one of our group homes (JFCS runs an assessment home, two homes for long-term cases, and three cooperative residences) but what we really need are foster homes - emergency and permanent." He hopes that the Jewish community will provide "alternate homes with people who care" to meet this growing need.

Wolfe has some other differences with the community. "Our agency got our fingers slapped for being ahead of the community," he notes not without a trace of bitterness. "It happened around the drug scene. We were trying to get tuned into it; the community denied its existence. Now it's abortion counseling for 16, 17, 18 year olds. It's happening; we're being approached. We're also seeing an enormous amount of marriage breakdown at early stages. We can't deny it any longer; we have to set up machinery to deal with it. Perhaps living together in a trial arrangement isn't the no-no the community says it is."

He feels strongly that "the community has to learn to understand and accept such things, even if it doesn't approve."

Though a friend of the youth culture, Wolfe is something of a middleman between the generations. To parents he says: "I want to legitimize the generation gap. It's there and it's okay. You're not going to be in the same space, you're not going to understand everything your kids are going through, you're not going to agree on everything - nor should you."

ask the rabbi

When chicken is kosher depends on organ damage

1. Are "broiler" (battery-reared) chickens kosher in view of the apparent unnecessary cruelty involved?

RESPONSE:

The question is not worded too exactly. The rules as to when a chicken is kosher depend on whether damage has been done to one of its vital organs, which make it fall under the heading of one of the categories of trefa. If "broiler" chickens are not damaged in this way they are kosher.

The ethical question, with which you are rightly concerned, is whether it is permitted to cause this kind of suffering and whether people ought to refuse to eat such chickens, not because they are trefa but as a protest. The general principle is that cruelty to animals is strictly forbidden unless this is the only way in which man can benefit, and even then the animal's suffering must be reduced as far as it possibly can. (Unless the qualification about human benefit is made Jews would have to be vegetarians and refuse to wear leather shoes.)

The key word then, is unnecessary suffering. Many people would agree with you that the suffering you mention is "unnecessary" and that we ought to do without "broiler" chickens. A number of rabbis were firmly opposed, for instance, to the cruel practices of plucking the feathers from live geese and of forcibly feeding geese in order to fatten them up for the market. Their objection was in addition to the possibility that these practices might render the geese trefa, on the grounds of tzaar baale chayim ("cruelty to animals").

R. Moses Isserles, in his notes to the Shulchan Aruch (Even Ha-Ezer 5,14) states that although, strictly speaking, it is permitted to pluck the feathers from a live goose since it is for man's benefit, the (Jewish) "world" refrains from this on the grounds of cruelty.

2. Why do the words of the Torah have to be handwritten?

RESPONSE:

With the invention of printing the question began to be discussed in the Responsa literature whether that which requires to be "written" (e.g. a Sefer Torah, a mezuza, tefilin, a Get) can be printed. The matter was examined by noting the Talmudic definitions of "writing" in this connection, to see whether printing would qualify. It is not generally known that one or two authorities did rather tentatively suggest that a printed Sefer Torah was kosher but their view did not win out.

We are fortunate, surely, that this was so. In one area, at least, the dedicated human person, working by hand and with his individual skills, is preferred to the soulless mass-production of the machine.

$15 million reduction

Threatened Metro education cuts counter to Jewish tradition

Jews have a special sensitivity to educational issues. Therefore, the $15 million budget cut threatening Metro Toronto's school system should be of more than passing concern.

Jewish families have always invested heavily in education for their children. Like all immigrant groups, Jews arriving in Canada were compelled to take low paying jobs, to work in unhealthy factories and occupy the worst housing. However, each family dreamed that their children, through access to education would live a richer and fuller life.

The ancient respect for learning and the learned, once religious in emphasis, was readily transferred to secular studies.

Education has served the Jewish community well. In the space of two or three generations, large numbers of Jews have advanced rapidly in the social structure. In return, Jews have served Canada well, providing our country with competent physicians, scientists, academicians and business men.

Our unique understanding of the value of education has also made us aware that education is more than the three "R's" or the passing of examinations. We have long believed that life takes on meaning and excitement in response to an intellectual challenge. It would therefore be tragic if our schools were stripped of those extras that make learning meaningful.

Small classes provide the opportunity for individual expression. Libraries are a necessity for independent research. Remedial classes are the only hope many children have to avoid becoming casualties of our educational system.

The Jewish community has rejoiced to see Toronto's school system become responsive to some of its interests. The Hebrew classes shortly to be instituted in North York high schools will probably be abandoned as impossible luxuries. However, setting aside the specific needs of the Jewish community, all children need a school system which offers enrichment to the high achievers and patient encouragement to those who lag behind.

Neither school social workers nor dramatic arts can be considered frills in a school system concerned with the needs of every child.

Indeed, it may be that we can least afford to abandon that which $15 million can buy.

Soviets hostile because Marxists fail to understand Diaspora life

The Soviet Union's hostility to Israel is not solely the result of efforts to woo the Arab world. In large part it is the failure of Marxist ideologists to understand the real nature of Jewish life in the Diaspora or the motive force that created the hunger for a Jewish state in Israel.

Dan Leon in his work The Kibbutz makes the point in an obscure footnote:

"Marx and Lenin saw the solution of the Jewish problem in assimilation, and denied its national character. Stalin's definition of nationality excludes the possibility of an extraterritorial nation, and he wrote in 1913: 'What sort of Jewish nation is this, made up of Georgian, Dagestanian, Russian American and other Jews who do not understand each other, live in different parts of the globe, never met each other and will never meet together, neither in peace nor in war?'

"Some 30 years later, six million of these Jews understood each other for the last time as they were herded into the Nazi gaschambers to speak the common language of martyrdom. The destruction of one third of our people in Europe and the continuing mass migration to Israel, where the creative impulses and everyday life of the people are commonly expressed in the Hebrew language - all this has shown the fallacy of the assimilatory approach to the Jewish fate and future."

This the Russians cannot yet understand!

Mira Avrech's Inside View

But what do you think of Clifford Irving ?

Americans are strange people. The other day, while "dropping in" on New York to cover Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's visit to the United States I kept "dropping" Dayan's name at luncheons, dinners and cocktail parties. All I received was a blank look.

"Dayan . . . . oh, yes, of course. But what do you think of Clifford Irving?" was the usual response.

"And you know who else is here?" I'd continue hopefully. "Pinchas Sapir!" "Sapir?!?" the blank looks would turn into stares. "Hm . . . what do you really think of Howard Hughes?" they would ask.

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Recession, Black Panthers and muggings have left their marks on New York. But the United Nations still stands - with all its 38 floors. Before leaving Israel, I got an evaluation on that international body from Abba Eban, Israel's minister of foreign affairs.

"There are 132 nations in the UN; 18 are Arab, arrayed against one little Israel. That makes 18 votes to one. Now add another 24 nations which do not have diplomatic relations with Israel and automatically vote against her, plus another 15 countries like Cuba or Mali that do have relations but will vote against us anyway. That makes 57 against one right from the start, no matter what the issue is.

I feel like a defendant who goes to court accused of something or other and discovers that the jury consists of the father, mother, uncles and aunts of the opponent in the case!"

And he added, with a wry smile: "If the Arabs should decide that the Earth is flat, they will certainly get a majority if they put the matter to a vote."

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Pinchas Sapir is an extremely hardworking man. No wonder then, that sitting at the head table at a luncheon of the Jewish presidents' club in New York, he drifted off to sleep during one of the long speeches. Sapir is, after all, a man of action, not of talk.

"Don't worry about Sapir", said Louis Pincus with a glance at the minister. "The moment I'll mention the word - money - he'll wake up!"

Everybody in Israel talks about Sisco - the U.S. assistant secretary of state. "Sisco said", "Sisco thinks", "Sisco recommends." The Israeli Press also refers frequently to Sisco in headlines and news stories.

I learned from secretary of state William Rogers that when he met the British Prime Minister, Heath asked: "Tell me, what is Sisco? I know what SEATO is and CENTO but I couldn't find out about SISCO."

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David Ben Gurion is not known to have expressed many opinions on his religion and on God. I was therefore quite shaken to overhear his conversation with the Italian Ambassador to Israel the other day.

"Jerusalem?" exclaimed B.G. "Why do you need Jerusalem? It is ours! For religion? It has never been as free to all religions as now. It is open to anyone! But don't forget that it was ours first, because when we built our temple we were the first to claim that there is only one single God in the world. Later - you copied us. But we said first that there is one God whom one does not hear, does not see, does not touch. And if I cannot believe in that - then nothing in the world makes any sense!"

As an afterthought, he added: "I know you Italians believe in the Trinity, but that I don't want to go into. That's your problem!"

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Jewish gallows humor still persists. When the Fatah was sending hundreds of candy boxes filled with explosives to Israel, the Israelis soon discovered why practically none of these boxes exploded. "Don't the Fatah know," they argued," that no Israeli unwraps candy-boxes. He just hands it on to whoever he owes a present!"

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Israel's minister of police, Shlomo Hillel, dropped this pearl last week: "When someone seeks election in the United States they say - he runs. In England - he stands. In Israel - he sits, and never leaves his seat again. . . ."

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Latest joke overheard in the Knesset's delegate restaurant - (from a member of the opposition of course) "What a great word 'mini' is! If you have just a little short skirt - you have a MINI. When you have a little bit of paint, you have a MINIature. With just a little bit of vegetables, you have a MINIstrone. And when you've got only a little bit of brains, you got a MINIster. . . ."

Opinion

Israel's birthday

Exciting events planned for 25th anniversary

By W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Some years ago, in conjunction with the events surrounding the Six Day War, it became evident that public relations in behalf of Israel had to be conducted on a much wider scale than had been done heretofore. Things worked well enough on an emergency basis, but it proved more difficult than had been anticipated to establish a permanent national committee. In time, the Committee did come into being and was funded from various sources. Ray D. Wolfe became its national Chairman and Sol I. Littman its Executive Director. It turned out however that the founding organizations - Congress, B'nai B'rith and Federated Zionist Organization of Canada - did not find it easy to delineate their own respective spheres of influence. In retrospect it may seem incomprehensible that despite the overriding problems of the community and the urgent needs of Israel, no constructive organizational unity could be obtained. But those were and are the realities of life. People owe a variety of loyalties from the very personal to the very large, and occasionally these come into conflict. No point is served at this late time to review this particular failure, but out of the many hours spent (and wasted) there did emerge certain convictions and experiences which may yet be helpful to the Jewish community of Canada. It now appears that a new national Committee will be formed.

Meanwhile three regional Committees, in the Eastern, Central and Western regions, have been in operation. This is especially true for Ontario. Ever since the '67 War the Central Region CIC has functioned with a reasonable degree of efficiency. It has had no budgetary allocations to speak of and consequently its lay and professional people worked as the moment demanded and responded to the recurring crises of various kinds. Its work has been quiet; the group has never sought publicity. Its contacts have been wide-ranging: from communication with the Jewish community by the ways of articles, advertisements and newsletters, to work with churches, service clubs, news-media and the like. We too have been subject to the strains and stresses of occasional intra-organizational tensions, but the work has always proceeded. I am glad to report the Committee has recently been reorganized along simple lines: equal numbers of ZOC, Congress and B'nai B'rith representatives form the basic membership of the Committee.

A recent meeting of the Committee featured a preview of one of the exciting events which lies ahead: the celebration of the 25th anniversary year of Israel, which will begin this fall and culminate in the Yom Ha-atzma'ut celebration in the spring of 1973. I need hardly point out that this will be a nation-wide observance of major proportions, demanding the cooperation of thousands, touching the awareness of every Jew and hopefully of millions of Canadians as well.

Welcome aims of Quebecois or face threat of separation

By J. B. SALSBERG

To me, the crucial point in any discussion of the "Quebec problem" is whether one does or does not recognize that Canada's current national crisis is, fundamentally, the expression of French Canada's determined struggle for its national survival.

The future of Confederation will be determined by the position that the majority of non - French Canadians adopt towards this central issue.

We will either welcome the legitimate national aims of French Canada and facilitate Quebec's acquisition of the essentials for national continuity - mastery of its social and economic life - or we will reject those national aims, speak condescendingly of "concessions" and thus drive into the separatist camp all those French Canadian elements who still seek a solution within Confederation.

Few will now deny that since the British conquest of French Canada the non-French have dominated the economic life of Quebec. English became the language of commerce and finance. The puniest non-French entrepreneur expected his French Canadian staff to understand his English and the French Canadian who aspired to and could qualify for a managerial position knew in advance that he must use his employer's language - English.

The economic development of French Canada was determined by others. The income of the average French Canadian was always below that of his equal in Ontario. His living standard was also lower, as was his state of health.

It is no exaggaration to say that, until recently, the people of Quebec were the hewers of wood and the carriers of water in a society in which the reins of real power were in the hands of others.

But, say some influential Canadians, why do the French Canadians continue to recite their historic grievances, their expulsion from Acadia, their loss of land and chattel etc.; that's history now! One also hears about it being the French Canadian's own fault for holding inferior jobs because they were uneducated for modern industry and technology.

There may be elements of truths in those arguments but I cannot accept them because they are usually offered in defence of an unsavory past and as an excuse for the status quo. But I literally wince when I hear such arguments from a Jew.

We, who have never forgotten the Babylonian exile, the evil-doings of Titus, the crimes of the Inquisition, the cruelties of Chmelnitsky and the inhumanities of Hitler; we should be the last ones to question the long memories of other nations. As for "modern" education we should not forget that it is relatively recent that Jews, too, emerged from the "traditional" educational mould - and for the same reasons. Of course it wasn't our fault, neither was it the fault of the young of French Canada.

Does all this add up to an advocacy of separatism for Quebec? Goodness, no! Separatism is not only a menace to Canada but, perhaps even more so, to the long-term national survival of the French Canadian nation. But to avoid separation we must first understand the nature of the problem. Without such an understanding, the ties that bind us will be broken.

Criticize heritage: Talmon

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ

TORONTO -

"We must be critical of our own heritage and reject some of the concepts found in the bible", says Prof. Shmaryahu Talmon. Speaking to a breakfast meeting at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue last weekend, he said a literal interpretation of the Bible "might imbue our children with an idea of vengeance which we would not like."

"We cannot accept the social teachings of the bible," Talmon said, because this would mean accepting such concepts as poverty and slavery as a normal part of our lives. He was speaking before some 100 people during the third in a series of three lectures on the **Bible as a Living Book.**

Throughout his lecture, Prof. Talmon, one of Israel's leading Bible scholars and presently a visiting professor at Brandeis University in the United States, kept returning to the same theme - "we must study the bible and rethink its meaning for us in modern terms."

Talmon pointed out that the bible presents a society which existed between the years 1500 BC and 200 AD and we "should not judge the bible by our own standards". Although there are ideas within the bible which we could take up for ourselves, much of it is "unrealistic and not sincere". Some parts, such as the story of Joshua, advocated "the idea of genocide and the doing away of people," concepts we reject today.

In the same way, Talmon said, the Prophets preached for their own contemporaries. "They touched upon many universal concepts, but these cannot be transposed into our society of today."

Despite all these problems, he said, the bible is the main pillar of our "Jewish cultural heritage" and is a common meeting ground for Jews of all kinds and provides a bond between all Jews in Israel.

Sephardi complains of discrimination

Dear Editor:

I have read **The CJN** Feb. 25th. The part that I want to write about is on page 2 towards the bottom of the page and titled "Beersheba faces education problems . . . mayor". I disagree with what you wrote or what Mr. Navi said about the Sephardic education in Beersheba.

It has been written that the father of a Sephardic family is afraid to send his children to school because the father is not educated and might lose his influence on his children. Do not forget we are the year 1972 and the parents of these children are the new generation and have gone to high school wherever they came from, with the exception of few.

Another point is that a Sephardic father is very glad when his children go to school. When the father is not educated, he wants his children to be educated.

The reason why these children do not continue their education through high school is because the government doesn't give them a chance to go to high school or when they do, the parents have to pay a big sum of money. If they were Polish or Russian they would have gotten into high school without any problems. But because these children are Sephardic they will not have the same privileges as the Ashkenazi have.

I have noticed that in your newspaper the few lines that you write sometimes on the Sephardic are always critical. I know that there is a lot of discrimination between the Ashkenazi and Sephardi, but I also know Sephardic persons who have passed through this discrimination. This is a very important problem which all Jews should try to solve (I am not only talking about Israel but also for this discrimination that exists in Toronto).

You are always writing about the Soviet Jews, how about the Syrian Jews, the Moroccan Jews, do you forget them?

I wish I could do something about this discrimination problem; this is a matter that has been bothering me since I came to Toronto. My first wish is to get rid of the words Ashkenazi and Sephardic and we will be known only through the word "Jew".

Azoulay Perla
Toronto

Dear Editor:

Will Israel become a militaristic state? This is a question that's asked periodically.

Last Sunday morning, Admiral Avraham Botser, commander in chief of the Israeli navy, spoke to a UJA meeting. For over an hour in a cool, soft spoken, unemotional address he described the Israeli navy, its capabilities, its purpose, its objectives and the problems it faces. He outlined in detail the caliber of equipment and weaponry. Then he underscored his talk with one comment.

"Our best equipment," he said, "is our boys."

During the question and answer period, he was asked about the fate of the Israeli submarine Dakar, missing in the Eastern Mediterranean. In solemn tones he replied that this was a great loss, not only to the families of the 70 men but to all of Israel. To illustrate his point he told the story of a young boy who wanted to be a paratrooper and upon hearing of the tragedy of talented officers and men wrote a letter to the Admiral in which he expressed his desire to join the navy instead, in order to help replace the loss. The Admiral was so moved by the incident that even in the retelling his eyes were filled with tears.

"Will Israel become a militaristic state? I can't imagine it, when the Commander in Chief of the Israeli navy exposed to the pressures of war, the strains of defence, instead of developing "a heart of stone", still has a heart that weeps, uncontrollably, even in front of strangers.

Ben Kirshenbaum
Toronto

Abe Nathan

Dear Editor:

I regret that I haven't been able to write to you earlier. The article on the Peace Ship in **The Canadian Jewish News** was one of those rare occasions that an article such as that appeared in a Jewish newspaper.

For many months I was in pain because I was unable to communicate through the Jewish media to my own people. That article helped open a door that seemed at one time almost permanently closed. I can only hope that your portrayal of this project for peace will open new avenues, and speed the realization of a project that might in some way bring peace to an area that we all love so dearly.

With love and peace, I thank you again.

Abe Nathan
New York, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

Much is heard these days in the U.N. of Israeli attacks on guerilla bases in Lebanon. Lebanon has never been condemned by the U.N. for permitting the attacks on innocent Israeli lives from her territory. Either Lebanon encourages the attacks or she is unable to control the guerillas. In either case, Israel has the right to pursue and punish these brigands in the interest of the lives and property of the Israelis. This is not a new phenomenon. Gen. Pershing of the U.S. Army chased Pancho Villa and his cohorts from the U.S. into Mexico and punished them there.

Israel would be remiss if it did not protect its citizens. Building protective roads in Lebanon by Israel is also not new. There are many roads now in Southern Lebanon built by the Israelis with the consent of the Lebanese Government to enable protective patrols by Israeli forces.

The U.N. ordered Israel to withdraw but it did not order Lebanon to stop its killings. If the main peace settlement is worked out, this situation will adjust itself.

Henry S. Rosenberg

Dear Editor:

Mr. Henry S. Rosenberg's article entitled "Freedom of action under law must be goal" on your Opinion page of Feb. 4, shows a gross lack of understanding on the issue of state and halacha as far as Israel is concerned.

Mr. Rosenberg writes: "A modern state cannot function on the idea that the Torah and the halacha are supreme, even though individuals are permitted to believe it and act accordingly in their own circle, subject to the law of the land."

By the laws of political science, Mr. Rosenberg's analogy would seem quite correct. However, one cannot look upon Israel in the secular manner in which other nations are looked upon.

The holy land of Israel is the fulfillment of a divine promise which is mentioned in the Torah. To now close his eyes to the origin of this State is, to say the least, an injustice. The author looks upon the State of Israel as the Irish look upon Ireland, the Italians upon Italy and the Blacks upon Africa.

If one is to believe that Israel is indeed "The Promised Land," then there cannot be any supreme power besides Torah and halacha. This is the law by which Israel was born and this is the law by which Jews are expected to live, regardless of where they may be.

Mr. Rosenberg writes: "A chalutz is as Jewish as a 'yeshiva bocher'." By simple definition this may indeed correct, assuming of course that the chalutz was born to a Jewish mother or was converted according to the Jewish law. But Jewish continuity cannot be maintained by chalutzim but by Jews who cling to Torah and tradition.

The Jewish nation is the only one that has survived amongst the hundreds of civilizations that have dotted the face of the earth since the early days of history.

Mr. Rosenberg would be wise to review our history in "The History of History Books" - the Torah.

Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky,
Assistant to the President,
Agudath Israel of America, New York City

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the comment made by Rabbi Kops of Montreal about the Rock Service held at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.

My argument is with what seems to be Rabbi Kops' narrow mindedness in respect to liturgical music and what is acceptable or what is not.

It does seem a little ridiculous to relate the enjoyment experienced by both the congregation and participants to that of the merrymaking of the ancient Hebrews at the foot of Mount Sinai.

If the term 'rock service' disturbs the rabbi and brings to mind ancient rock music of Egypt, I remind the rabbi of constant use of music in praise and worship of God.

For example, and I quote, Psalm 92: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High . . . with an instrument of ten strings, and with the psaltery and with the sound of the harp."

If certain types of music are not part of our present day musical styles this does not mean that this type of music is not acceptable as worship and praise.

Here are two examples from Psalms of how the people are supposed to rejoice in the Lord and praise him with all forms of music.

Psalm 149: " . . . Let them praise His name in the dance, let them sing praises unto Him with the trimbel and harp."

Psalm 150: "Hallelujah! Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him with the blast of the horn: Praise Him with stringed instruments and the pipe. Praise Him with loud sounding cymbals."

I do not feel that the method of praising God is as important as the feeling behind one's prayer. To quote Rabbi Kops "Believe me, one could sing Lecha Dodi with electric guitars, drums, piano, flute and trumpet and call it sacred music, even go into ecstasy and not address God, but a Golden Calf."

One can also say that a man can enter a synagogue, participate in all the prayers and contemplate during all the traditional hymns, but he, too, may not address God if there is no meaning behind his prayers.

Alan Israel Bardikoff
Toronto

The Beth Tzedec Parents for Youth and Education along with the congregational school enjoy a Purim party at the synagogue. About 650 persons took part.

Dear Editor:

Purim has traditionally been regarded as a children's celebration, but this year hundreds of happy families helped to make Purim something special at Beth Tzedec as they joined together to read the Megillah and twirl their "Rashonim" to blot out the infamous name.

The unprecedented numbers included young parents with small children attending for the first time and grandparents who had passed through many Purims, but all agreed that excitement and enthusiasm were running very high. Following the Megillah, the Congregational School, in conjunction with Beth Tzedec Parents for Youth and Education, sponsored a joyous Purim "Seuda" and Purim "Shpiel."

Although reservations were taken for 450, at least 650 were present to partake of a delicious chicken box supper (complete with hamantash, honey and apple) assembled and served by members of the parents' organization.

Though traditionally the Purim Seuda takes place on Purim day, this Purim party was traditional in every other sense of the word. Many parents, and children appeared in costume. A mobile accordionist played for Hebrew singing and dancing and every child received a "Shlach Manot" treat as he left for home.

The atmosphere was informal, with most children plunking right down on the floor and everyone feeling friendly, warm and full of the spirit of Purim fun. Grandparents beamed as small children danced. Parents laughed and sang and "shmoozed" and no one seemed to want to go home.

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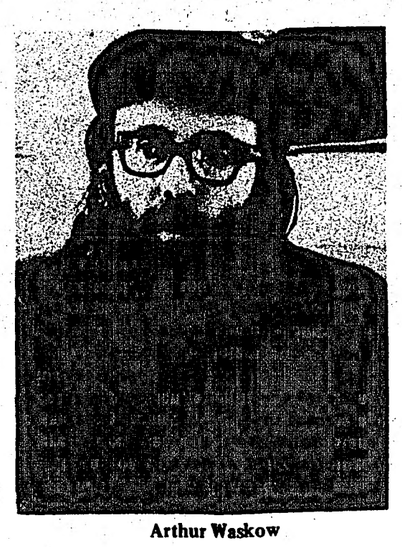

Arthur Waskow

Radical urges Kibbutzim for North America

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

Like a Tevye, but with North America his shtetle, Arthur Waskow - Jewish writer and political commentator - spoke recently to Jewish student groups at Hillel and Vanier College.

Waskow, 38, wrote **The Freedom Seder,** a book where Moses is called a labor organizer and passages of Ginzberg and Cleaver are quoted between biblical passages. A contributor to the radical New Left magazine **Ramparts,** Waskow believes Judaism and politics are inseparable.

"I consider the Holocaust and Hiroshima to be fraternal twins," he told **The Canadian Jewish News.** "They are both equivalent to the Jewish people's position in the world. It is our encounter with despair."

The holder of a Ph.D. in U.S. history and race riots, Waskow is preparing to spend the coming summer in a kibbutz he and his friends are developing outside Washington D.C. He refers to the kibbutz as the frabrangen - the bringing together.

The author would like to see the growth of such kibbutzim throughout America, for in this way he believes Jews would be directly governing their own ethnicity - their own life problems, and the problems of assimilation would be confronted.

"When an issue like Vietnam arises, each community would discuss the problem and send delegates to other communities to decide how the issue will be dealt with. In this case the Talmud says that a Jew is not permitted to destroy the forest of his enemies. The communities would refuse to pay taxes, as is according to the Law," he said.

Waskow and his adherents have raised $1,000 towards the reforestation of Vietnam.

The writer grew up in an orthodox neighborhood in Baltimore, "where we were not religious, but we knew the only thing to be was orthodox." In graduate school, Waskow joined the civil rights movement of the early 60's and then graduated into the student movement and the SDS. His second book, **The Bush Is Burning,** has just been published in the United States.

"The two very significant things which started Jewish radicalism in the States in the late 60's were when the Blacks shattered the melting pot myth, and when young Jews stopped believing that America saved Jews from the Nazi Holocaust. They found out in their peace marches that America is in the midst of its own Holocaust in Vietnam."

Waskow believes that the June war in Israel was the first time American Jewry found themselves "on a collision course between American foreign policy and the survival of the Jewish state.

"The American Jewish community was prepared to do anything to force America to act on Israel's behalf," he said.

The radical Jewish thinker pinpoints his own awakening to Jewish consciousness to the Black poor people's march in Washington - a march which became a poor people's city and a mudbath nightmare.

"It was on a Passover Seder evening and there were National Guardsmen standing outside my home. Here I was reading about Jewish oppression, when it was going on outside my door."

At the time of the interview Waskow was impatient to return home - impatient to develop plans for the frabrangen, on the land.

"The land," he said caustically, "the land is not a Liberal."

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Looking ahead

Long distance telephone pierces USSR iron curtain

By DR. STUART E. ROSENBERG

How we found out that there are more than ten ulpanim in Moscow!

One of the most difficult things to uncover is authentic information from inside the Soviet Union today. The western press with all of its tremendous technology - its television crews and radio men - are pretty well tired of the Russian-Jewish story, by now. As a result, it is very difficult to find any hard news, on a day-to-day basis in our daily press dealing with unknown but important facts about Jewish life in Russia today. We want to know how the struggle goes on. We need to know how the Jews of Russia are reacting to our acts here. We need to have the facts, because they change, very often, from day to day.

But this information is not coming out of the wire services, nor via the television networks.

How can we Jews here get this information?

A new scheme has been devised-a direct, person - to - person, telephone call to Jews in Russia who have voluntarily supplied us with their names, addresses and telephone numbers - who indeed wish to be phoned by us - precisely because they know that the Russian authorities will be listening, monitoring every call that is made. They want to tell their story to the world through us, and they want the Russians to know that they are telling the story to the world through us, the Jewish community here in Canada, and throughout the free world.

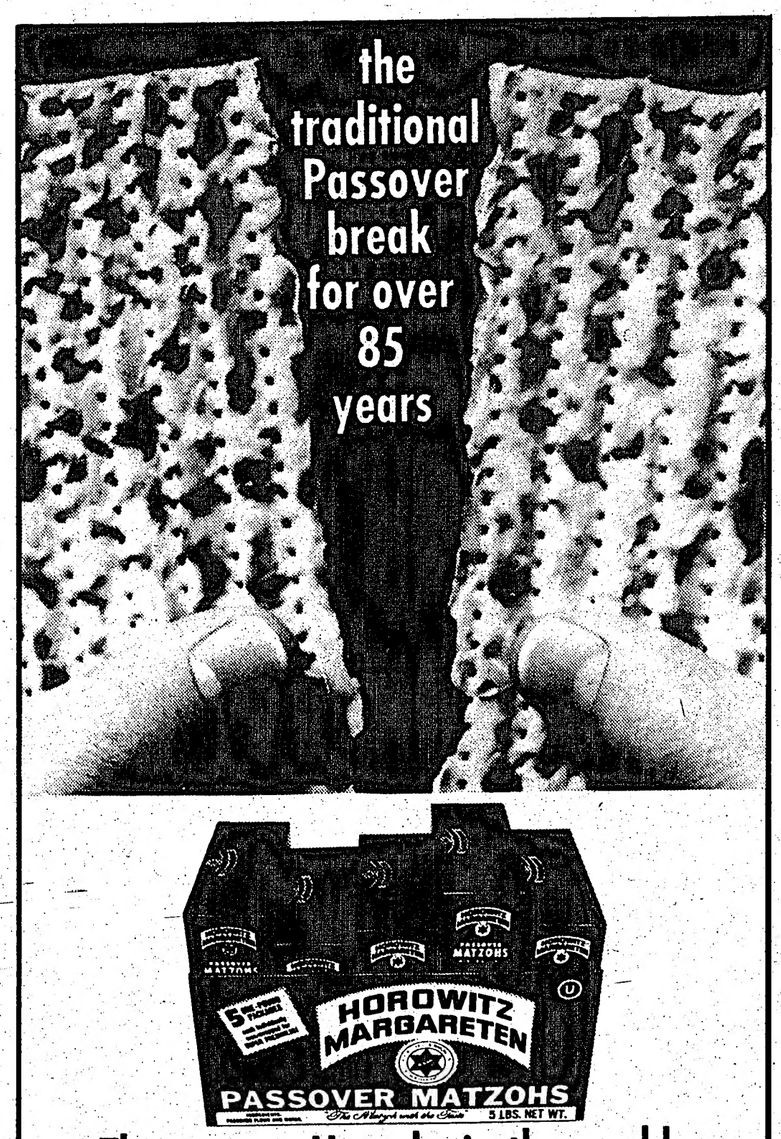
This is precisely the way we discovered a few weeks ago, in a telephone call made from Beth Tzedec Synagogue on a Sunday morning to Victor Polsky, that it is now considered a crime in the Soviet Union to study Hebrew. But the crime is not yet punishable by jail. What happens is that those who are found out are simply thrown out of work, making their life difficult and miserable. Nevertheless, when I spoke to Mr. Polsky-and the extra joy was that I was able to converse with him in Hebrew-he informed me that there are at least 10 ulpanim presently operating in Moscow itself, under the very eyes of the Russian authorities. And that the Jews in Moscow intend to keep studying Hebrew in preparation for going to Israel.

As a result of his desire to study Hebrew, Mr. Polsky, the father of a 13 year old girl, has been unemployed for one year-precisely on that day a year ago when the Russian KGB discovered that he was studying Hebrew.

Apparently, as Professor Uri Raanan intimated when he lectured at Beth Tzedec several weeks ago, a large or even a small "reign of terror" is likely to take place sooner or later, in order to frighten off the activist Jews who are whipping enthusiasm among their fellow Jews to get exit permits to leave Russia for Israel. And perhaps the best and easiest place to begin is in the Ukraine-one of the most anti - Semitic regions of the USSR.

The most recent information we have concerns attacks by hooligans-these are Russians who are put together by the KGB to disturb whomever they wish to disturb-upon Jews who attend the synagogue in Kiev, in the Ukraine. We learned from several phone calls that during the past two or three weeks a number of people had been arrested outside of the Kiev Synagogue on purely trumped - up charges.

Unfortunately, a number of people who have come out of the synagogue of Kiev are still in prison-and without reason. We have therefore no other surmise but that the Russian authorities in the Ukraine are attempting to slow down the Jewish desire to leave for Israel, by setting up these terrible, frightening blocks, by using terror tactics, unfounded in law and in civility, in the hope that those Jews who have wished to go to Israel would stop making their demands known, and stop contacting the outside world regarding their plight in Russia.



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'Must meet crisis now, before too late' is rabbi's plea for U J A campaign

TORONTO -

The 1972 United Jewish Appeal - Israel Special Fund campaign is facing a crisis of opportunity, according to Rabbi Albert Pappenheim, of B'nai Israel Beth David

In a sermon delivered during the UJA Synagogue Fortnight, Rabbi Pappenheim said, Israel has gone through a period of relative calm, which has brought to the fore many social problems which have hitherto remained submerged. "The 1972 UJA campaign provides an opportunity," he said, "for helping to do now what may not be possible to do later - to help Israel overcome these problems before the situation becomes so inflamed that irreparable damage is done."

The rabbi added that "We have long prayed for, and sounded the alarm to shake the Walls of Jericho so that our brethren trapped in the spiritual limbo of the Soviet Union might be freed. The gates have been opened reluctantly. The 1972 UJA campaign will make it possible to help settle and integrate our Soviet brethren in Israel."

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, of Temple Sinai, said the Soviet Union and her Arab allies are betting against the tenacity of the Jewish people. If the Soviet Union is planning on overburdening Israel's economy by flooding the country with Jewish refugees, "then it is up to us to prove the Russians wrong."

"New homes and new jobs must be forthcoming," said Rabbi Pearlson. "Israel is hard pressed financially. Only we - as the Russians know well - represent the key to the problem and its solution. They are counting upon us being tired, indolent, involved with our own luxuries. Let your gift to the UJA show them how wrong they are."

Rabbi Moses J. Burak, of Beth Jacob, said that if the United States government feels the need to give $50,000,000 to help absorb the Russian Jews in Israel, "how much more should we understand the great need which exists. Giving now to the UJA truly demonstrates our Jewishness and our love for our fellow Jews. If you love your fellow Jews, you must demonstrate it through your support of the UJA."

Rabbi Ira Book, of Pride of Israel, said that despite Hamans and Hitlers, "we live on to enjoy life. In this day and age we are being tested again - not openly but subtly, as Russia permits large numbers of Jews to go to Israel. We must pledge our lives to support Israel with the funds necessary to absorb the new immigrants."

Rabbi Harold Lerner, of Beth Am, said man is in danger of being swallowed up in materialism and selfishness, and needs a reminder he is created in the image of God. In the Sedrah Terumah, man is reminded that it is a duty to give and that giving provides a moral uplift, Rabbi Lerner stated.

Rabbi Halpern dies at 42

MONTREAL -

Rabbi Morris Halpern, spiritual leader of the Congregation Beth Ora in suburban Ville St. Laurent since 1955, died suddenly last week at the age of 42.

Rabbi Halpern was a native New Yorker who graduated from the Theological Seminary of the Yeshiva University in 1954.

Well known for his work in the community, he was president of the Board of Jewish Ministers and chairman of the religious affairs committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Eastern Region. Recently, Rabbi Halpern led a delegation to Quebec City to discuss the revision of Bill 89, dealing with the legal use of organ transplants.

Rabbi Leonard Poller, spiritual leader of the Congregation Beth Shalom, and a close associate of Rabbi Halpern, told the **Canadian Jewish News** that "the Montreal community has lost a brilliant mind"

Rabbi Halpern was also well known in Montreal for his teaching abilities, having lectured at the Divinity School, and Islamic Institute at McGill.

Rabbi Morris Halpern

At the time of his death he was a lecturer in Judaic theology at Loyola College.

He is survived by his wife, the former Esther Siegman; two sons, Ariel and Ron Baruch, and two daughters, Pnina and Ruhama.

Barlev's new career

(Cont'd from page 1)

the launching platform which his political opponents feared at first.

It is also a fact that, although the Labour Party has resolved to end factionalism, political memories are long. Just as Dayan is identified with Rafi, so Allon is recognized as an Achdut Avoda veteran.

Mapai, Achdut Avoda and Rafi merged in January, 1968, to form the Israeli Labour Party. David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, established Rafi as a splinter group from Mapai in June, 1965, but he later left this party.

It is the Mapai sector of the Israel Labour Party which has provided every Prime Minister since the State was founded 24 years ago and Sapir, a party boss of immense skill, is determined to keep it that way.

The assumption of a party identity will be Barlev's most difficult role, but not one beyond his abilities and, acquaintances say, his ambition. At 47, everything is going in his favor.

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Hamilton reorganizes schools

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HAMILTON -

A whole new concept of financing Jewish education in this city has been proposed.

As a result of an idea originated by Rabbi Morton Green and Rabbi Israel Silverman, the community would recognize three educational institutions: the afternoon school at the Beth Jacob (traditional), the Hamilton Hebrew Academy (orthodox day school), and the afternoon school and religious school at the Temple Anshe Sholom (liberal).

Under the proposal, the individual schools would no longer be financially responsible for deficits incurred as a result of their operations. The United Jewish Welfare Fund would henceforth be the only agency raising funds from the community for local needs; and priority would be assured to the three schools that their approved requirements would be met before other local needs receive allocations.

A second part of the proposal specified that all rabbis, and the boards of all synagogues and the Hebrew Academy should actively support and campaign for the Welfare Fund.

In what must be some sort of a record for speed in gaining acceptance for a major change in community policy, Rabbis Green and Silverman enlisted the support of Rabbi Bernard Baskin, the CJO executive and finally the Delegate Body of the CJO meeting where a covering resolution was passed without amendment prior to the Annual Convention. It is still subject to ratification by the boards of the three synagogues and the Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

In practical terms, the proposal will have the following results, if implemented:

- The present enrolment of the afternoon school at the Adas Israel (25 or 30 students) would be transferred to the Beth Jacob Talmud Torah, and the former school would cease operations.

- Roughly $100,000 in additional obligations would be assumed by the Welfare Fund. This would be divided approximately as follows: $50,000-$55,000 to the Hamilton Hebrew Academy to meet their deficit; $25,000 to the Beth Jacob to meet their deficit; and $10,000-$20,000 to the Anshe Sholom to meet the anticipated deficit of an enhanced program. A commission of inquiry on education chaired by Dr. J. J. Shekter has been established to determine and negotiate amounts of grants, and to do long range planning in the field of Jewish Education.

The proposal was not adopted without some rather strenuous objections. Mrs. Kenneth Soble, at an executive committee meeting of the CJO called to discuss the proposal, asked what the advantage would be to the community, since the required funds are being raised now by the schools themselves. She could not envision the raising of the required additional $100,000 by the Welfare Fund.

At the same meeting, Judge David Steinberg underlined that the needs of education, having priority, would leave all other CJO sponsored programs - Community Centre, Jewish Social Services, Camp Kadimah - in the subsidiary position. Should only $120,000 be raised for local needs, and if $100,000 were allocated to the schools, then most of the other programs would necessarily go to the boards.

'Borders secure': Admiral

TORONTO -

Political pressures from other Arab states and from within could force Egypt into starting another war with Israel, according to Rear Admiral Avraham Botser, commander-in-chief of Israel's navy.

A visitor to Toronto last week on behalf of the 1972 United Jewish Appeal - Israel Special Fund campaign, Admiral Botser said nobody can gain from another war. Israel's borders are secure and she can defeat the Arabs, he said.

Russia has nothing to gain because another Egyptian defeat would be humiliating to the Soviets. There is also the possibility that renewed fighting would result in a Russian confrontation with the United States.

Israel wants peace, the admiral declared, but she can not withdraw from her present borders without a guarantee of security. "We can't go back to our old borders," he said, "where major cities and towns were within artillery range of the enemy."

Given more time, the Arabs can learn to live in peace and harmony with Israel, Admiral Botser said. He noted that 100,000 Arabs visited Israel last summer. They were given the opportunity of seeing the country and mixing freely with Israelis. "It was a security risk for us," said the admiral, "but in the long run it might serve as a contribution towards better understanding and peace."

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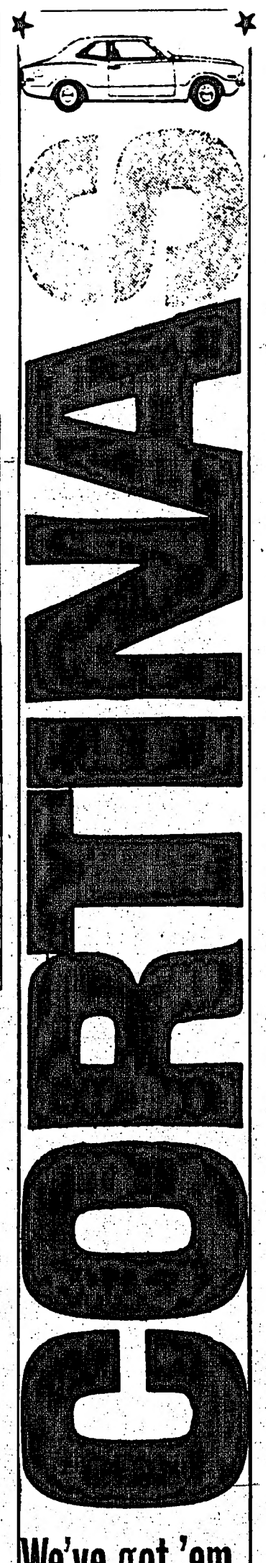

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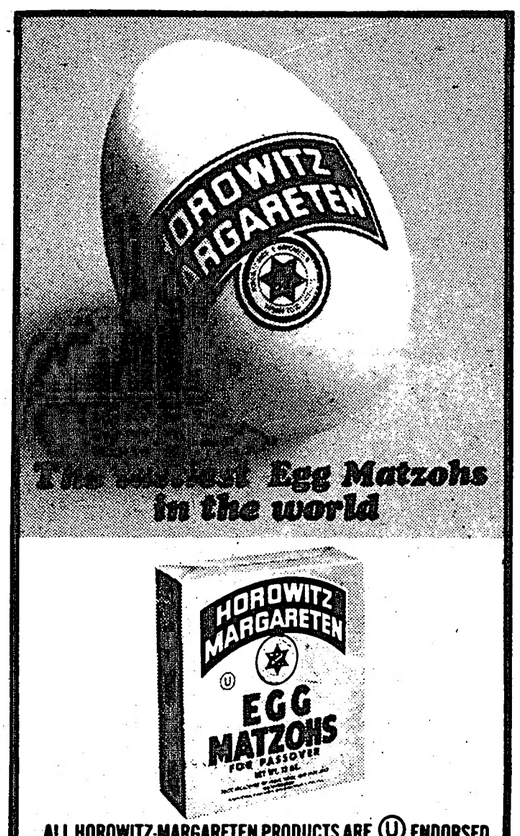

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Arts

Brutality, violence found in art shows expresses polarity of experience

By ELIZABETH KILBOURN

TORONTO -

There are two polarities of human experience which are frequently given expression in art forms. (At one extreme, the brutality and violence and grossness we are capable of, at the other, the rarified, transcendental world of the spirit.)

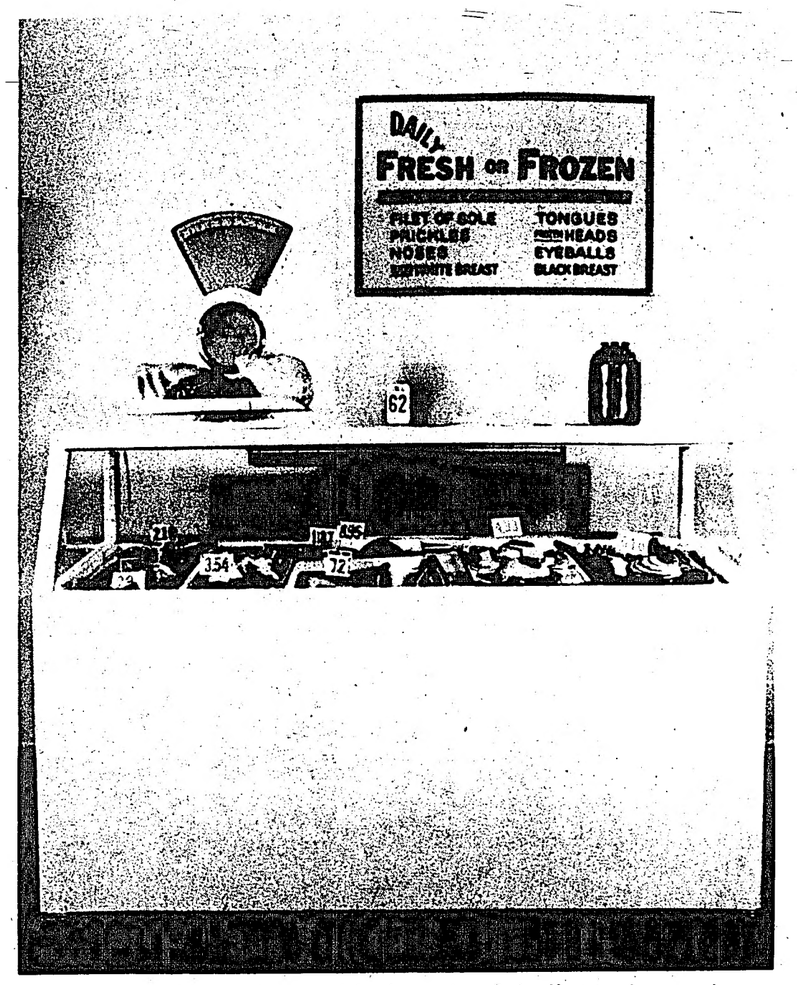
Until this week I had always felt they were best expressed, in Canadian painting at least, in the works of Claude Breeze and Brian Fischer, especially since for a time they lived and worked together. Breeze's series, **Figures in a Landscape,** depict human beings in acts of brutality and bestiality, exaggerated by their presence in a lush, idyllic landscape. (There is a good example of Breeze's work to be seen currently at the Morris Gallery.) Fischer, on the other hand, paints in a cool, linear, aloof geometric style.

But there are shows in Toronto this week - in three-dimensional living color - which even more extravagantly express this polarity. At the Isaacs Gallery, a young Montrealer, Mark Prent, is currently setting the town on its ear with a show which contains all the disgust, cruelty, horror and atrocity of the human condition.

He has created out of fibreglass some of the most horrific tableaux I have ever seen; great black scavenger birds gorging themselves on a mangled bloody body; a tiny white casket containing a revolting but normal sized head and a hideously truncated body. Most upsetting of all is a full size butcher's counter exactly like the normal supermarket variety complete with price tags, until you realize that the meats for sale are part of the human anatomy: - eye balls, sliced breast, dark or white, and a delicacy he calls, for obvious reasons, prickles. To top this is a table fully set for a formal dinner with the food on the plates from the obscene butcher's counter.

Apart from the fact that Prent is a meticulous and capable craftsman, the question arises, but is this art? If art exists to give visible expression to all varieties of human experience and to communicate them to others, then Prent is entirely justified. The disgust and nausea each viewer of this show must feel suggests that Prent has given form to dark corners of the psyche which few of us willingly or frequently face in ourselves.

As an antidote to this experience, take a trip up to the Electric Gallery, which is usually a trip in itself. The atmosphere engendered there not only by the current artist Brousseau, but others of the stable like Hayden and Samchuk and Blazie, is one of cool, almost metaphysical, abstraction. The purity of the translucent acrylic, the electronically programmed lighting are elements of an art form which creates an aloof, contemplative ambience where the senses are purified and subdued and the cool world of mathematical beauty takes over.



Butcher counter displays plastic models of parts in artist's effort to pierce numbness.

Bronfman director may resign

MONTREAL -

Marion Andre, artistic director of the Saidye Bronfman Centre, said he may resign unless iron-clad guarantees were written granting artistic freedom to the centre.

"Are we going to be subjected to constant scrutiny?" he asked. "I simply could not exist in that kind of environment. Theatre for me is infnitely more than entertainment. It is the credo of my life."

Jack Engels, president of the Y said the board could give no such commitment, and that the performing arts departent is not independent, but a branch of the Y.

"I don't think he's serious. Andre has been under a lot of strain and I'm sure he won't go through with it."

In a four page release, Andre said "an outrage was committed upon the community and an act of coercion was allowed to prevail." He said the play was completely distorted and misrepresented by survivors' groups.

"In order to stop the mounting of the play, they circulated out of context excerpts of the play, mailing them to the members of their organizations and to various leaders of the Jewish community."

Andre told **The Canadian Jewish News** that he felt the reaction to the play during the special reading was very positive.

"The president of the survivors came outside and he embraced me. He said he hasn't cried in 25 years. I told him that this play culd do for others what it has done for you."

The director said he has a "profound feeling of revulsion when intimidation is employed to influence people or if any group goes to extremes of threatening violence in order to have their own views prevail.

Andre - himself a survivor - lost his entie family, except his mother, in the Nazi inferno.

Resurrection exhibit marks Epstein's return

By SOL I. LITTMAN

Max Epstein's show at the Drew-Smith Gallery is titled "Resurrection", to mark his return from a period of destruction.

In 1971, the artist destroyed his accumulated work with an axe rather than let it be seized by the sheriff to satisfy a bank claim. The present exhibition is the result of eight months of furious work. It includes plastic collages composed of the fragments of the works he shattered.

These plastic pieces, laminated together provide an illusion of depth, of falling layers of color. The same energy, the suggestion of madness, is present in his free form paintings. There are wild swirls of color like bursting supernovas. Epstein applies his paint to the rear of acrylic plastic sheets. By using bursts of air on the paint while wet he obtains a velvety texture of incredible richness.

The improvisational nature of the collages and paintings are in remarkable contrast to the restraint, the sparse minimalism he employs in his sculpture. Composed largely of aluminum tubing, they are essentially mock-ups of large outdoor pieces whose angular forms lean into each other, interlock and caress.

The same restraint is shown in a groups of paintings representing Canada's 10 provinces. They are neat, geometric, hard edge stripes and triangles combined with rows of colored circles.

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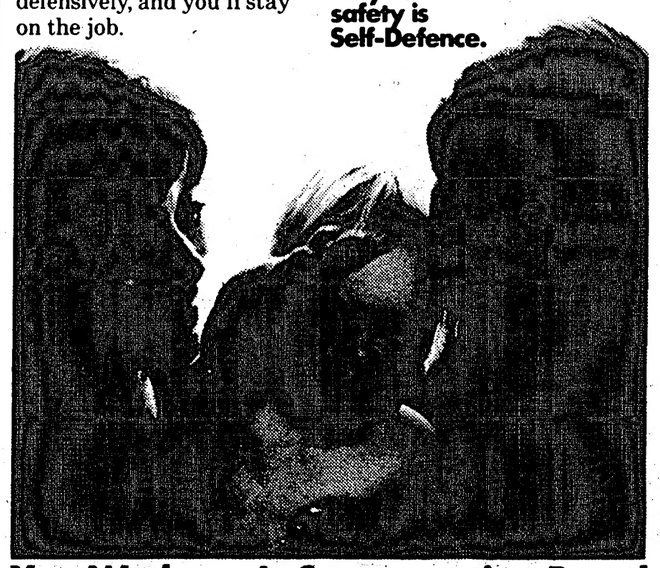

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